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Next Meeting – October 14th, at Round Table Pizza on College Pkwy – 6:30 pm

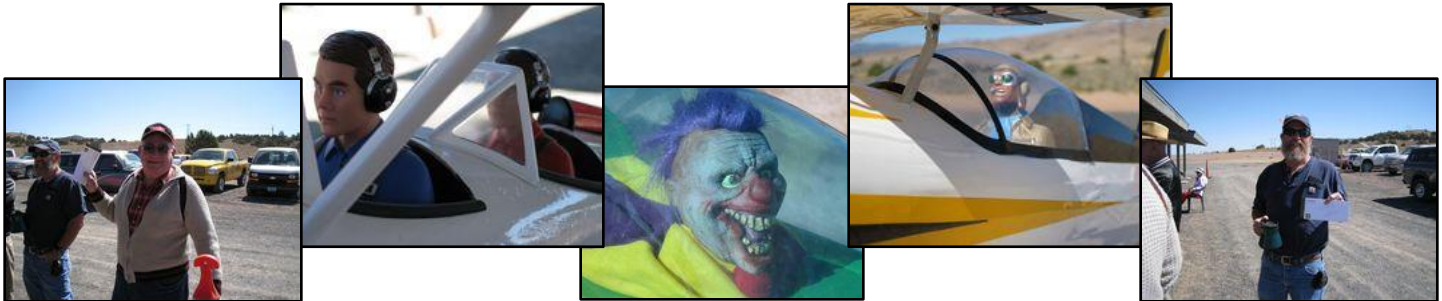
The Winner of the HSRCC Annual Raffle for 2008 is
!! Congratulations Reno Jacobs from Minden Nevada! Congratulations !!
You lucky dog you!

The HSRCC Annual Club Picnic and Fund Raising Raffle

We looked around for an honest person to pick the raffle tickets. None of us qualified, so we had to search elsewhere! While Odie looks on, “Mr. Reese” picks the lucky winners!



He had a whole bunch to pick from. There were several people who paid big bucks at the last minute to win that beautiful Stearman. It took them awhile to fill out their tickets. **So, I guess I have to eat my words from last month, and say that this was really a great fund raiser this year.** My heartfelt thanks to all of you that contributed, and congratulations to all who won.



Safety Corner

We will have a new and complete first aid kit located in the field building ASAP. This is an industrial kit designed around Logging, as those types of injuries typically replicate what we might encounter. **Be safe**, I would prefer not to have to replace any of its contents.

In this newsletter you will find an enclosure proposing changes to the pilot operating area at the field. We will be voting on the proposal at the October meeting. Please note that the exact configuration of the new area proposed will be established if the proposal is adopted. If you are unable to attend the meeting in October, please email me at: crkthowell@sbcglobal.net.

With your comments and/or suggestions regarding this issue, please remember that your board members are only the "rudder", you, the member, control our direction.

Good flying, and be safe. - Tom

To: High Sierra RC Club members

From: Tom Howell, Safety Officer

Subject: Proposed changes to the Pilot Flying areas at the Pony Express air Park

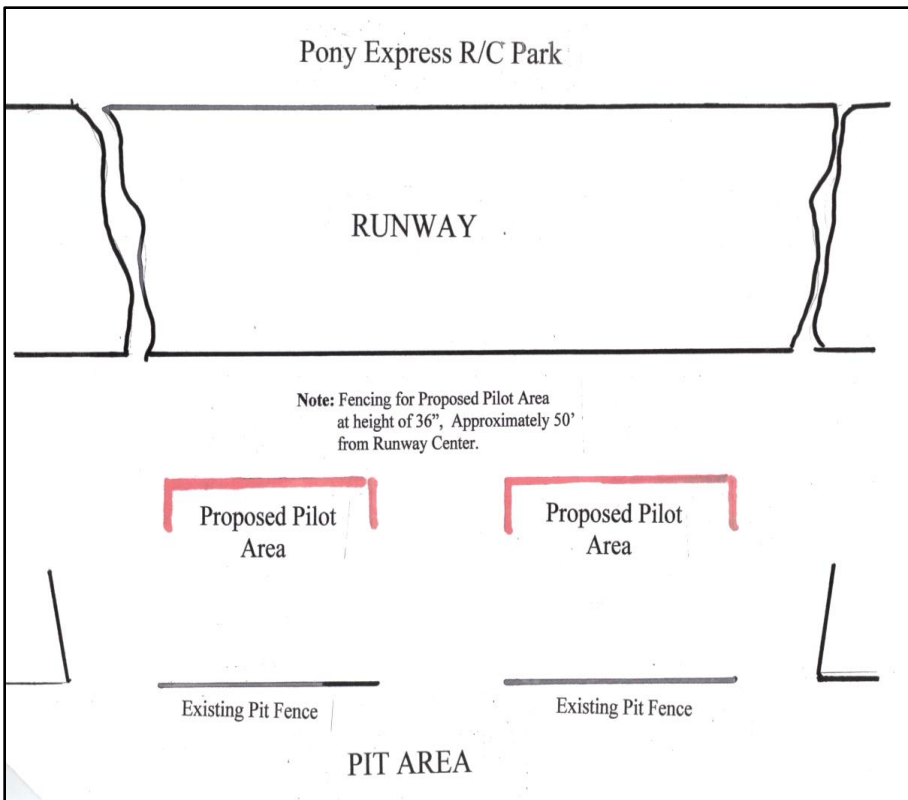
Enc: (1) Diagram of proposed changes
(2) Results of field test conducted on September 6th and 7th.

Background: During the past twelve years of field use I have seen a number of problems as a result of pilots flying from the pit area. A large number of pilots fly from the openings in the pit fence due to height of the fence. There is missed communication between pilots due to noise from the pit area, and a large number of members dislike landing to the East due to poor runway visibility in that direction. Large airplanes parked along the fence in the pilot area causing pilots to lose concentration as they move along the fence. I am sure there are other issues I have missed.

By moving the pilot flying area away from the pits, closer to the runway we address these problems. The runway site picture is unobstructed in both directions; pilot communication is greatly enhanced due to closer proximity and less pit noise. This should also provide a better environment for flight training. By holding the fence height to 36" there will be no antenna issues. The proposed flying areas will also be ideal for club contests as judges will be in a protected area free of obstructions.

On the 6th and 7th of September a field test was conducted at the field with pilots flying from the proposed locations. The results of that test with the pilot's names and comments are included herewith. As noted these comments were very positive on the change.

I would submit that this proposal be published, with enclosures in the October newsletter, and that the matter be considered for a vote at the October meeting.



Proposed Pilot Area – Pilot Comments

PILOT	COMMENTS
Mitch Odam	Love it
David Lockett	Great Idea
Allen Annett	I like it
Gene Frey	Good idea- Do it
Vince Euse	Sounds O.K.
Michael Crafton	Prefer current set-up
Don Morse	Good - easy to land
Gary Martin	Easy to land
Robert Canadian	Great
Nathan Luce	Love it
Steve Klider	Great
Ken Seymore	Let's do it
Bob Harrington	A O.K.
John Thurman	O.K., fence at 36"
Glen Stoffer	A O.K.

Editor's Corner

Well, if Tom Howell gets a "Corner" then so do I!

A couple of "Thank You's" if I may. First, to our newest member, **George "Ben" Edgar**, thank you for joining and supporting the club. Hope to see you at the next meeting. Looks like you have been doing RC for quite awhile. Next, a **Big Thank You** to **Court Cardinal** who supplied some great raffle prizes at the club picnic. You are just too good to us!

I learned something the other day about gas engines. It seems that due to the addition of Ethanol in the gas, the bungs in the fuel tanks and gaskets in the carburetors are at risk of deterioration. The white gas (Coleman Fuel) makes a better substitute. I know it's more costly, but so is a thousand dollar plus wreck!

The year is coming to an end. Not much going on except the Club Christmas Dinner and election of officers. There's going to be some vacancies this year to fill, so start thinking about whom you want to elect as officers. Here is a list of officers and their duties from the Club's By-Laws;

President. *The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club presiding at all regular membership meetings and board of directors meetings. He shall appoint all committees not provided for in these bylaws and shall have power and authority to sign contracts, deeds and other legal documents on behalf of the Club. The President shall have the authority to appoint officers to fill vacancies that occur between annual elections.*

Vice President. *The Vice President shall assist the President in planning programs and other activities as requested by the President, and in the absence of the President, shall preside at meetings. In addition, the Vice President shall control the annual and monthly raffles and the planning of the Christmas party.*

Secretary. *The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the regular meetings. The Secretary shall have custody of the records pertinent to this office.*

Treasurer. *The Treasurer shall keep full and complete records pertaining to the funds of the corporation. He shall deposit funds in the institution designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall pay out money as authorized by the Board of Directors. He shall present a Treasurer's Report at every regular membership meeting.*

Field Marshall. *The Field Marshall shall be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the corporation's flying field with particular emphasis placed on safety. From time to time the Field Marshall may call for working parties and/or individuals to help in his duties.*

Safety Officer. *The Safety Officer shall be responsible for insuring that all flying and events at the flying field are*

carried out in a safe and sane manner. Members and guests shall be warned of unsafe maneuvers and, with persistent violations of field rules, shall be recommended for revocation of flying privileges. The Safety Officer and other officers of the corporation have the authority to issue on field warnings to individuals compromising safety. The Safety Officer, from time to time, shall submit safety articles to the Newsletter Editor for publication.

Newsletter Editor. *The Newsletter Editor shall publish the corporation's newsletter one week prior to the regular meetings. Articles of interest for the education and edification of the members shall have priority for publication. Annually and as required a complete roster of members shall be published.*

I also think it worthwhile to include the Purpose of the club's existence, also from the By-Laws;

This non-profit corporation is formed to promote education in the science of aeronautics and to enhance knowledge in the art of aviation through the development of building and flying skills utilizing model radio controlled aircraft. This program targets all ages. Young people particularly are helped as they explore aviation as a field of career potential. Additionally, the senior population is benefited through the exercise of fine motor skills, complex problem solving and utilization of physical reactions. No member of this non-profit corporation shall acquire pecuniary gain or profit of any kind from association with the High Sierra Radio Control Club.

Our congratulations also go out to Jim Giffin, our new VP of District X. Good luck in your new position!



Something new we should take advantage of! When I went to the District X website, I noticed a "Calendar of Events"; <http://dwp.bigplanet.com/ama10/calendar/>

Ever hear of this?

The WAA is group of model airplane enthusiasts that will fly a battery powered Radio Controlled (RC) airplane in all 48 contiguous United States. The name they have given this adventure is Wings Across America 2008 or WAA-08 for short.

<http://www.deserteaglesrcclub.com/waa-08.htm>

President's Corner,

(I am putting you in the corner too Lou! – Editor)

Well, the annual picnic is over. Maybe not our biggest, but the food was great, the flying fun, and those that made it had a good time. Perhaps not Gary F, as he sounded like he should have been in bed recuperating. That's what comes of those chilly Oregon visits. The raffle was fun; the Fandango (Court Cardinal), donated seven gift certificates for meals at Dukes, Ti Amo, and the Buffet. Tony B should eat well, he won both the Dukes and a Ti Amo. Reno Jacobs won the grand prize, although he was not present to claim it. If Bob B is really honest, the prize should be back at HobbyTown for Reno to claim. Of course, as the hauler of said prize to the shop, we have to trust that Bob did get it there. As he already has one of the same model, hopefully Reno will get his.

Saw some money and aircraft changing hands between Allan A and Pete F during the morning, so I would guess that one of them is expanding his fleet. It's a good thing that Pete and Bob B have whole homes to themselves, what with every room full of model stuff where would you put a woman.

Dan managed to sell an additional handful of tickets that morning, so we must have made out pretty well financially.

I really want to extend a heartfelt thanks to Tom Howell, Bob Petten, Pat Harrington, and all of the folks that helped to set up and then put things away. Without these folks, there would have been no picnic.

This morning, Sept 24th, I was called into the Parks and Recreation Dept to sign the new Pony Express contract, so it is now in effect, and we are no longer liable for any incident which occurs there when we are not present.

By the time that you read this, Ray E's second auction will have taken place. I have seen some of the merchandise that is going to be offered, and it should make for a good event. Hope so. I had volunteered to help Ray that morning, however since then, I learned that I am to be inundated by my entire family for that weekend, so sorry Ray. Luckily, Hoo Ray Mosbacher said that he would sub for me. **(HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOU! – Editor)**

Found a really great muffler maker right here in our own city. I did not get his name, but found him thru Les. They seem to be good friends, so you can reach him thru Les. Great workmanship, plus very accurate measurements. I don't know about working from drawings, but he did a beautiful job working from a balsa model.

As he is a full time machinist (and shop owner), I'm certain that he must work from drawings continually for his other customers.

As the auction was the last of our scheduled 2008 events, not much to announce this month. Of course, elections are coming up in November (during the Nov 11th meeting), so in addition to deciding whom you want as officers for 2009, have some suggestions for possible next year's events. Planning now can make it a great year for both flying and socials.

Wow, just think, only two more of these to write!

Louie



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